

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

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There are now two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19. The Moderna vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and 49,000 doses are scheduled to arrive in Kansas this week.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age.

Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15. This week, 17,550 Pfizer doses are being given to the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which will provide vaccinations to participating long-term care facility residents and staff through CVS and/or Walgreens. The coordination of vaccination activities will occur directly between CVS/Walgreens and those facilities participating in the program. An FAQ is available at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html.

The Moderna supply is being distributed to local health departments and federally qualified health centers across the state who will vaccinate healthcare workers. The initial vaccine distribution is geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Distribution among these groups is expected to continue through January.

Additional vaccine is expected next week, with approximately 17,550 from Pfizer and 20,000 from Moderna. The Pfizer allocation will continue to be used for long-term care and Moderna will be used for healthcare workers.

Communication

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments via KS-HAN and to partners every Wednesday.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

Resources

- CDC - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html